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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.—The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/5 9/16.

THREAT TO SANCTITY OF INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT.

MAYOR WU'S NOTE TO CONSULAR BODY CHINESE GOVERNMENT REFUSES RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT MAY FOLLOW IF JAPAN CONTINUES TO USE SETTLEMENT AS BASE FOR OPERATIONS.

Shanghai, To-day.

That the Chinese may cease to observe the sanctity of the Settlement is believed to be indicated by the latest warning from Mayor Wu Tiechen to the Consular Body, in which he re-affirms previous protests against the Japanese using the Settlement as a base for operations, landing regular troops there and directing hostilities from the Japanese Consulate.

The Mayor declares that

"As long as the Settlement Authorities prove unable to effectively restrain the Japanese from using the Settlement as a base for their operations, the Chinese Government cannot be held responsible for whatever consequences follow."

He concludes by requesting the Consular Body to advise their Nationals to evacuate the locality of the war-zones and requests that their Naval Commanders be notified not to station their ships near the Japanese base of operations.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

The sanctity of the International Settlement of Shanghai is now reported to be in jeopardy. Mayor Wu Tie-chen has addressed a Note to the Foreign Consular Body the content and tenor of which is a matter of cause for anxiety.

"Stale-mate" is the term applied to the position of the contending forces on the battle-front. And it is expected to last for several days. The Japanese offensive has been effectively checked, and, whereas, Japanese troops are said to be exhausted, there are signs that the Chinese forces may, at any moment, take up the offensive, particularly in Chapei.

Chinese in South Africa are reported to be eager to volunteer for service in the Chinese Air Force, and the Chinese Government is said to be interested in the recent offer made by "axed" Canadian airmen.

General Fung Yu-hsiang is expected in Shanghai to-day to help General Tsai Ting-kai.

Japanese planes, yesterday, dropped propaganda leaflets in Chinese lines. Japanese planes, yesterday, also bombed Lungwha Railway Station badly damaging the platform.

Japanese Reinforcements
Shanghai (6.26 a.m.),
To-day.

Dawn comes, once again, with the positions on all fronts unchanged.

The Chinese papers report that thousands of Japanese troops have been landed secretly during the night, but enquiries at Japanese Headquarters elicited a flat denial. It was added, however, that additional troops were expected on March 2.

General Fung to Assist
General Tsai.

To-day's "China Press" says, that General Feng Yu-hsiang is expected to arrive in Shanghai either to-day or to-morrow in order to assist General Tsai Ting-kai.

Another Chapei Fire.

The Japanese bombardment of Chapei, during the night, caused a tremendous conflagration, which raged unchecked until day-break.

Lungwha Bombed.

Last evening the Japanese planes bombed Lungwha Rail-

CHINESE AIR FORCE.

Volunteers from South Africa.

EAGER TO SERVE.

Johannesburg, Yesterday. As illustrating the eagerness of Chinese to help China in the present Far East dispute, Chinese Consular officials have approached the well-known pilot, Lieutenant Rodwell King, asking him to give a number of Chinese pupils a week's training to enable them to fight in the Chinese Air Force.

Lt. King has refused, because he considers a week insufficient.

It is stated, that another local airman is leaving next week to serve in the Chinese Air Force, while Dr. Ho Tsang, ex-Consul-General in South Africa, is leaving for China to offer his services in a military capacity.

CANADIAN AIRMEN'S OFFER.

Chinese Government Interested.

Ottawa, Yesterday. According to the Chinese Consul-General here, the Chinese Government has cabled to the effect, that it is favourably interested in the offer of "axed" members of the Canadian Air Force, concerning which further communications, have been mailed. Meanwhile, Canadian airmen are meeting with the object of drafting detailed proposals for the fitting out of planes, though it is doubtful whether they will be allowed to leave the country.—Reuter.

IMPORT DUTIES BILL.

Hemp Removed from Free List.

London, Yesterday. Hemp has been removed from the free list of the Imports Bill, Mr. Neville Chamberlain accepting an amendment to that effect, after which the House passed by 317 votes to 71 the proposal placed before it.—Reuter.

stale-mate on the battle-front may continue for several days.

An American military observer, interviewed by "Reuter" this evening, said that he believed that the Japanese troops were exhausted and in all probability would not make a big offensive until reinforcements had arrived, but signs were not wanting that the Chinese troops were preparing to take up the offensive in Chapei, where they heavily outnumber the Japanese.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Volunteers for Shanghai Wanted.

Acting on cabled instructions from the Headquarters of the Order, London, the local Assistant Commissioner is making arrangements to despatch Nursing assistance to Shanghai, where such help is urgently needed in the Hospitals.

Nurses who wish to volunteer are kindly invited to communicate with the Assistant Commissioner at King's College.

Cables from Shanghai state that Surgeons and Nurses are urgently required.

DESERPTE JAPANESE OFFENSIVE.

Battle Raging at Kiangwan.

FIERCE FIGHTING.

Shanghai (10.15 a.m.), To-day.

The Japanese are to-day making a desperate attempt to break the Chinese lines at Kiangwan, and, at 8.00 o'clock this morning, they

launched a general attack on that front, using every available men, gun, plane, tank, etc. In spite of the distance, the booming of heavy guns can be distinctly heard in the Settlement. There is now a heavy concentration of Chinese troops on that front and indications are that this will be a bloodier day than Kiangwan has so far seen.

Meanwhile, Chapei is far from quiet, guns have kept people in the Settlement awake the night long and this morning has brought no relief. However, the activities are, at present, limited to artillery exchanges, and only a little fighting is going on.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

MANCHURIA.

REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Tokyo, Yesterday. It is reported from Mukden that the Executive Council, in the presence of Ex-Emperor Pu-yi, has decided that a New Manchurian State would adopt a Republican form of Government, with a temporary Chief Executive. The decision will be formally announced to-morrow.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

STOP PRESS CHINESE LINES BROKEN.

A JAPANESE CLAIM.

Shanghai, 12.52 p.m., To-day.

Japanese military authorities claim that at about 11 o'clock this morning their terrific attack broke the Chinese line at Misshongchen, which is two miles to the north-west of Kiangwan, and that the Chinese began to retreat fighting all the way.

Up to noon, the Japanese claim that they have advanced 1,000 metres from their positions of this morning and are yet advancing.

Meanwhile, Kiangwan Village holds out against repeated and furious attacks.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

U. S. NAVAL POLICY IN THE PACIFIC.

Stimson's Important Pronouncement.

May ABANDON WASHINGTON TREATY POLICY.

Washington, Yesterday. The New York "Evening Post" describes as "One of the most important pronouncements of United States' foreign policy in the last ten years" a letter which Mr. Stimson has written to Senator Borah.

The letter is held to indicate that upon an acceptable solution of the Sino-Japanese dispute hangs the whole policy initiated at the Washington Conference—of leaving to Japan dominion of the seas in her part of the world.

It is suggested that, if Japan abandons her position, the United States may abandon the above policy, and build up a navy, with bases in the Pacific, to prevent Japan attempting to dominate China and the immense potential market China represents.

Indications of Congressional reaction to the naval angle of the situation are discernible in today's action of the Senate's Naval Committee in reporting favourably on a Bill for building up a fleet up to the strength of limits provided in the London Treaty.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH NAVAL MOVEMENTS ON CHINA STATION.

"Berwick" Going Home.

Information issued by the Naval Intelligence Centre this morning states that H.M.S. Berwick is expected to arrive here from Shanghai to-morrow. She will sail for Singapore and Home on or about March 9 for refitting and re-commissioning.

"Devonshire" on Way Out. H.M.S. Devonshire, of the Mediterranean Fleet, is to relieve the Berwick on the China Station, on account of the Shanghai trouble. The Devonshire has already sailed from Malta.

"Cumberland" Out Exercising. There was some speculation here yesterday when H.M.S. Cumberland left port. It was ascertained this morning that she has gone to Tolo Harbour for exercises and is expected to be away for about a week.

At Shanghai. Conditions in Shanghai, so far, does not warrant the sending of any more warships from Hong Kong. One destroyer is held in readiness to sail at short notice in case of necessity, and her crew are allowed short shore leave only, but this is the usual precaution against piracy.

DISARMAMENT.

Soviet Delegate Asks For Vote on Complete Disarmament.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S PROPOSAL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Chief British delegate, Sir John Simon, at the meeting of the General Committee of the Disarmament Conference in Geneva this afternoon, urged that the Draft Convention, prepared after five years' work by the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, be used as a framework for discussions.

The proposal was supported by

"THEY SHALL NOT PASS UNTIL..." SAYS GENERAL TSAI

REWARDS OFFERED FOR HEADS OF JAPANESE COMMANDERS

DISQUIETING RUMOURS

CHINESE PROPOSAL REGARDING DEFENCE OF THE SETTLEMENT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai (11.23 a.m.), To-day.

Yesterday a party of Press men visited the Chinese lines. What they saw strengthens the impression that China is preparing to withstand an attack by Japanese reinforcements. The Chinese are erecting strong defences portending a long war.

Reminiscences of Verdun were recalled, when General Tsai, commanding the Nineteenth Army, told journalists: — "They shall not pass until the last man falls and the last bullet has been fired."

Chinese vernacular papers report that a fresh Japanese division landed during the night, and that more are coming.

Regarding the proposed evacuation of foreigners, in the event of an emergency, Chinese circles suggest that, if the Foreign defence forces are inadequate to cope with the situation they should allow the Chinese troops to enter the Settlement and afford protection to both Chinese and foreigners.

Rumours are gaining currency that ostensibly wounded Chinese soldiers are filtering in to the Settlement in Red Cross vans in larger numbers than is necessary since their wounds are only of a superficial nature, alleging the possibility of sinister motives.

Rewards, ranging from hundreds to thousands and downward, have been offered, it is said, for the heads of Generals Uyeda and Admiral Nomura and others.

RAILWAY MEETING.

Unfair Road Competition.

LIVELY SCENES.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday. Shareholders' complaints of "unfair competition of road traffic" led to lively scenes on the occasion of the annual general meeting of the Great Western Railway.

Cat calls, jeering and stamping of feet punctuated the remarks of speakers. Viscount Churchill, presiding, said that the year's receipts from the railway and ancillary business, had decreased to £207,000, but if Government would recognise that the railways ought to be protected from unfair competition from roads, the Company might safely look forward to a period of increasing prosperity.

(The Premier goes on short holiday.)

Rugby, Yesterday. The Prime Minister, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Ishbel, left London by car to-day for South-West England, where he will have a short holiday to recuperate after the recent operation to his left eye. British Wireless Service.

LLOYD GEORGE AGAIN AN MP.

Technical Offence Excused.

CAN NOW TAKE SEAT IN THE HOUSE.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday. Mr. Lloyd George is only now able to take his seat in the House of Commons to which he was elected last October. This has been made possible through the High Court to-day excusing a technical offence he committed by omitting to lodge his declaration of election expenses within the specified time.

Mr. Lloyd George, who was ill during the election campaign, and afterwards went to Ceylon, only discovered he had been guilty of an illegal practice a fortnight ago.

Rugby, Yesterday. The representatives of France, America, Germany and Italy. The Soviet Delegate asked the Committee first to vote on proposals for complete disarmament.

A vote will be taken to-morrow.

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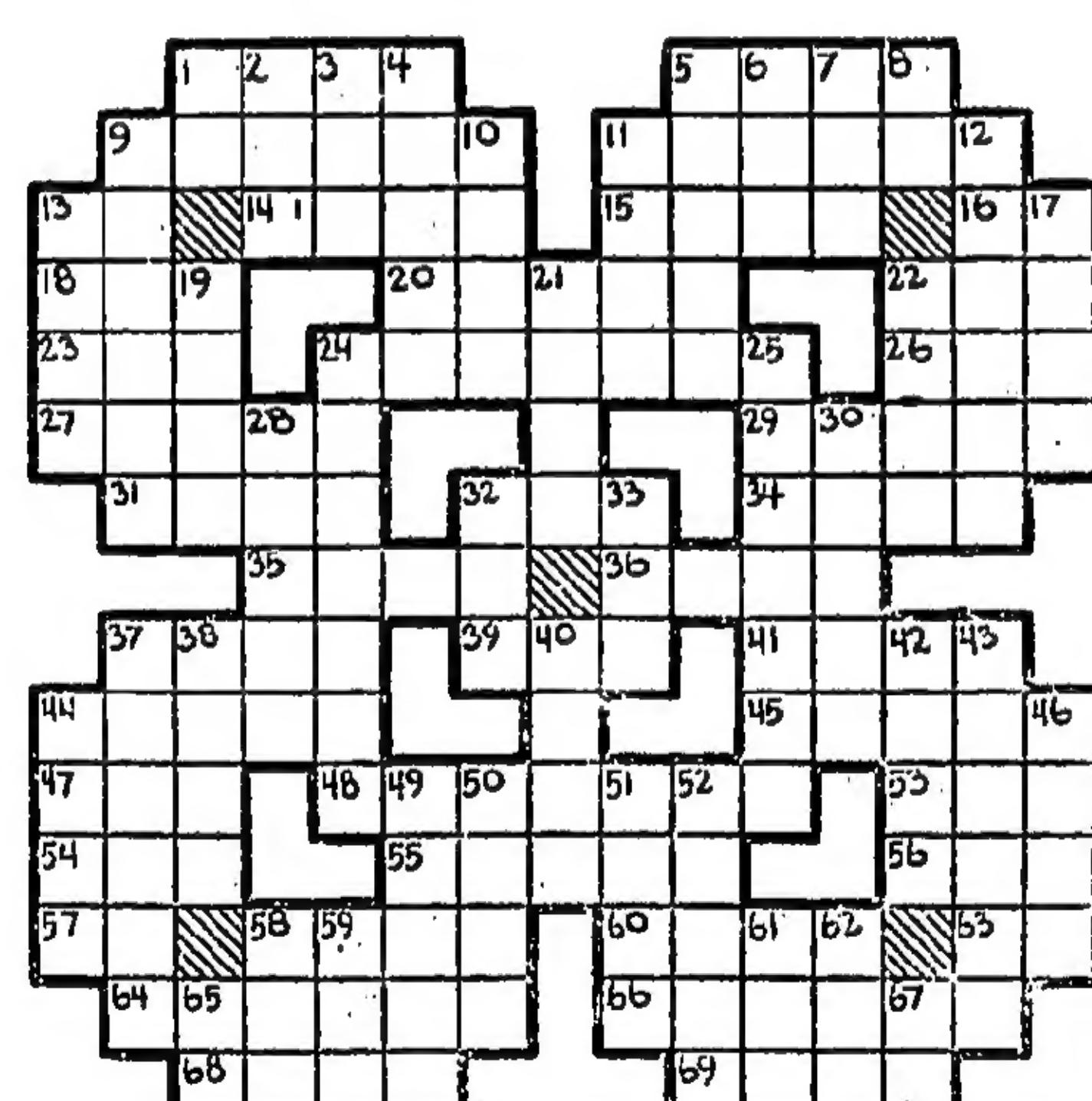
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Inlets
- 5-Food containers
- 9-Sluggish
- 11-Lasso
- 13-Very
- 14-Rend
- 15-Verbal
- 16-A land measure (abbr.)
- 18-Consumed
- 20-Artless
- 22-Deface
- 23-Pronoun
- 24-Little villages
- 25-Oreane
- 27-Obluse
- 29-Solitary
- 31-Genuine
- 32-Poisonous snake
- 34-Youths
- 35-A Mohammedan call
- 36-Greek god of love
- 37-A scourge
- 39-Joined
- 41-Combining form
- 44-Small Spanish
- 45-Racket
- 47-Proceeded rapidly
- 48-Flavor
- 53-Summit
- 54-Freeze

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 65-Exchange
- 66-Self
- 67-Negative
- 68-Turkish official
- 69-Some (Latin)
- 70-Sea fighting forces
- 71-Abide
- 72-Any one inheriting
- 73-From a deceased person
- 74-Highest point
- 75-Part of the body
- 76-Fond's
- 77-A signal fire
- 78-Girl's name
- 79-Heroine of Wagner's opera Lohengrin
- 80-Situation
- 81-A polygon whose angles are equal
- 82-A broad smile
- 83-A series of heroic events
- 84-The upper air
- 85-The Greek god of war
- 86-A river in Germany
- 87-A vale in ancient Argolis
- 88-A thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 89-102 (Roman)
- 90-Mischiefous child
- 91-A ree (Scot.)
- 93-Interjection
- 97-9 (Roman)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-Surf
- 21-Wrongs
- 22-Humor
- 24-Defensive protective covering for the head (pl.)
- 25-Quig-oppa
- 28-River in France
- 30-Larist
- 32-Part of the body
- 33-Fond's
- 37-A signal fire
- 38-Girl's name
- 40-Heroine of Wagner's opera Lohengrin
- 42-Situation
- 43-A polygon whose angles are equal
- 44-A broad smile
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- 57-9 (Roman)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



CHAPTER IV.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

Alexander Rosanoff, an aviator in the Russian secret service, delivers a packet of confidential papers to the Russian Embassy in Paris and persuades Colonel Shubin, ranking Attaché, to take him to see the famous Mata Hari perform an exotic dance. Later, he follows her to a gambling casino where she has gone to meet Adriana, owner of the resort and an enemy spy. Here she is told of the papers and promises to get them from Shubin. After Rosanoff has presented her with a ring she admires, she takes him to her home.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

LAST NIGHT WAS LAST NIGHT.

WHEN Mata Hari awoke the next morning, she observed with satisfaction that Rosanoff had gone. This was as it should be. She gave the young man credit for his experience in not plaguing her with renewed protestations of his love. Pleasure was for the evening and the night.

He was really a charming young man, the Russian, but there were so many attractive young men in Paris, especially in these times, and so many of them approached her at the tea dances in the fashionable hotels which she frequented or blurted out their admiration at soirees when she danced. Afterwards, she forgot their names, if not their faces, or their faces if not their names, unless they could be of use to her.

She was a bit annoyed with herself at this incident, anyhow. Rarely did she permit her plans to be deflected and certainly not by some obscure youth. Rosanoff had done her an injustice. She had had no intention of going home with de Signac. The old man was devoted to her, as she said, "one of her court" while in return she tolerated him with an indulgence composed of affection and contempt. She believed that she had recognised a French secret service man at the Pavilion last night (the wine had been spilled to attract Adriana's attention to him) and she had meant to deliver the Marquis to his home as a blind and then go on to Shubin's where, ever since Adriana's instructions, her real interest had been concentrated.

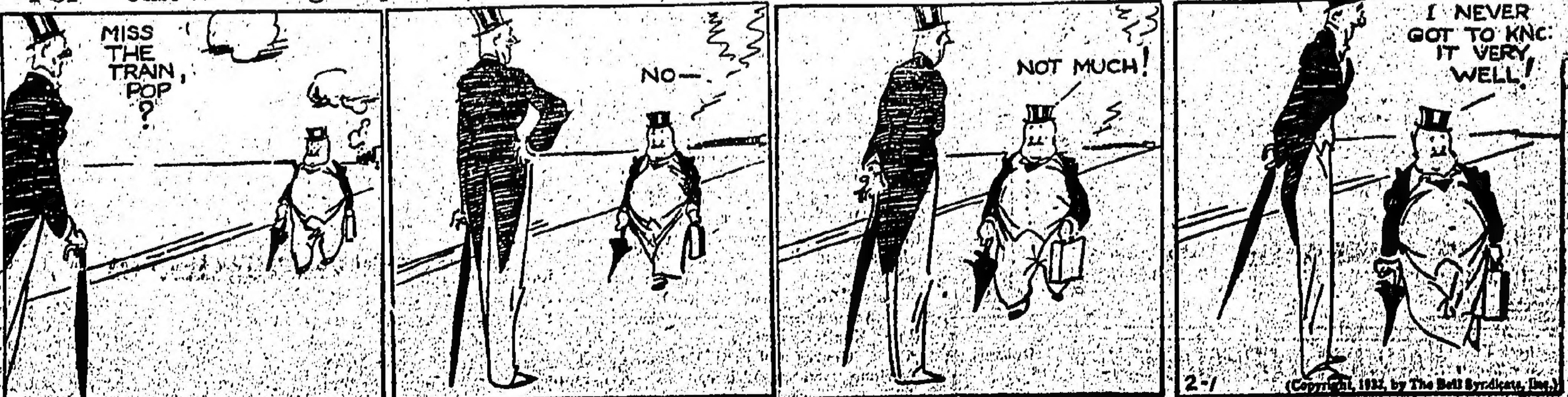
No matter how it suited her to play her part of the moment, Mata Hari had a keen mind, a clear grasp of objective fact, and an immense amount of resolution. Her lovers were seldom perspicacious enough to note that her body was strong as well as seductive, the muscles as limber from steadfast training as those of an athlete. It was her awareness of her own vitality which gave her such command over herself, kept her senses alert, her nerves cool behind the mask.

She sprang out of bed and called to her maid.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

BIB	BLAB	TROT
PLEAS	BAROSE	TRIP STEP IN
AN	TI	DA
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KI	DERMS	EARN E
ACROSS	ROOTS	I
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IAN	TABIE	EE
ARE	RIPER AIR	EE
V	SEEN SAPE T	EE
AVERS	SASSY	EE
ERSE	PENS	EE

POP—Just A Passing Acquaintance.



"That'll be all right. Tell her it's Alexis."

The dancer could have imitated every word of this from memory, even to the gestures of apology and helplessness which Marietta made as she was swept aside before the ardour of the suitor, even to the little glance of triumph which the suitor would not be able to refrain from giving the maid when she, Mata Hari, out of sheer impatience to have it over with, would call, "Very well, Marietta."

Poor young man! He did not know what was in store for him!

His nice face, all shining with candid eagerness, his hands stretched out impulsively for the welcome he was so sure of, gave her a slight pang. He was so happy! Best to get it over with at once.

Swinging away from her mirror, she met him with a brutal demand.

"What have you come back for?"

And he did not understand at all.

He went right on, silly and happy.

"I had to see you. I had an errand

to do this morning, and then I

rushed right back to you."

"Oh, Mata," he burst out, over-

whelmed at his first sight of her in full sunshine, "you are so beauti-

ful!"

"Yes, yes, but why did you come here?"

"I couldn't help it. Out there, the birds were singing, and there

was a softness just like Spring in the air and—and my heart was so

full of you I had to come back and tell you that I love you ... and take

you to lunch."

"But Mata you can break it. I

must take you to lunch."

"I told you I have an appoint-

ment."

For the life of him, he could not

see what he had done to offend her.

Women were unaccountable, but

even so there was no reason ...

He decided to be masterful.

"And I told you to break it."

This was the everlasting straw.

Mata Hari sprang up.

"You are a conceited fool!"

"W—what?" he stammered.

"You're the most conceited, idiotic boy I've ever seen."

It wasn't possible! But it was.

"I can't imagine," she went on

dispassionately, "what makes you

think I've given you the right to

bustle in here and waste my time."

At last Rosanoff removed himself sufficiently to speak.

"I'm sorry. Last night you told me that you loved me."

"Did I? That was last night,

To-day I'm very busy."

She rang for the maid.

At this Rosanoff could not re-

strain an incredulous exclamation.

She saw by his face that he was

shocked beyond belief, not alone by

the dismissal but by this ultimate

rudeness. But now it was too late.

She meant to finish what she had

begun.

"Marietta, show the gentleman out!"

In a quiet voice, Rosanoff said,

"You are quite right. I have been

a fool. I won't make this mistake again."

Nor did he commit the faux pas

of turning on his heel.

He bowed quite correctly, leaving

Mata Hari, if he had only known it,

rather inclined to reinstate him in

her esteem, if not her affections.

She had to admit that his exit had

been fully as insulting in its dignity

as her rejection in its bluntness,

before she forgot him wholly in the

absorbing affair of making her toilette.

Meanwhile, the colloquy went on

in the boudoir.

For a concentrated business it

was. Ever since, she had learned

that glamour could mean a career,

she had worked relentlessly to pre-

serve the spell now that it had been

cast. Whatever made for the

mystery surrounding her had been

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (848 K.C.'s).—

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.

5-5.40 p.m.—A Concert.

Orga Solo—Faust—Waltz (Gounod), Edward O'Henry (B2878).

Song—Little Brown Owl (Sanderson), Mavis Bennett (Soprano) (B2130).

Piano Solos—Etude, Op. 10 (Chopin) (No. 11 in E Flat), No. 12 in G Minor, Etudes, Op. 25 (Chopin) (No. 1 in A Flat Major), No. 12 in C Minor, Wilhelm Bachaus (B835).

Piano Solos—Etude, Op. 10 (Chopin) (No. 10 in A Flat Major), No. 9 in F Minor, Etudes, Op. 25 (Chopin) (No. 2 in F Minor), No. 11 in A Minor, Wilhelm Bachaus (B835).

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Volunteers Gain Great Victory at H.K.C.C.

MUSSON'S EFFORT.

The Volunteers gained a great victory yesterday on the H.K.C.C. ground against the United Services when they won by the large margin of 8 wickets.

For their win they were greatly indebted to Mitchell (86) and Beck (79 not out), who participated in a prolific third wicket partnership.

Scores:

Lt.-Comdr. Skyrme, c McLellan, b Beck	19
Whiteway-Wilkinson, c F. S. W. Smith, b Beck	4
Price, c L. B. Smith, b McLellan	8
Lt. A. H. Musson, c L. B. Smith, b McLellan	88
Lt. A. C. Hamilton, c McLellan	13
Lt. Anstruther, b Beck	6
Capt. Burnett, c Griffiths, b F. S. W. Smith	17
Q.M.S. Sadd, b McLellan	3
Lt. Villiers, not out	10
Extras	10

Total (for 8 wkt., dec.) 173
Stephens and Cate did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.	
Beck	18 2 87 3
McLellan	10.3 3 23 4
Baker	3 0 24 0
F. S. W. Smith	5 1 14 1
L. B. Smith	2 0 15 0

Volunteers.

H. J. Armstrong, c Stephens, b Hamilton	2
N. A. E. Mackay, b Hamilton	21
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Hamilton	96
A. C. Beck, not out	79
Extras	9

Total (for 3 wkt.) 197
L. B. Smith, F. S. W. Smith, D. McLellan, W. D. Folley, R. H. Griffiths, F. Baker, and R. M. Wood did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.	
Hamilton	10 1 44 3
Stephens	4 0 25 0
Musson	5 0 46 0
Anstruther	4 0 35 0
Cate	3 0 22 0
Burnett	1 0 16 0

K.C.C. League Teams.

The first eleven of the Kowloon Cricket Club against the Indian R.C. at Sookpungo in a League match on Saturday will be composed of the following players:

J. C. Lyle, F. Goodwin, E. C. Flincher, E. F. Flincher, F. Zimmerman, W. C. Hung, N. A. E. Mackay, G. C. Burnett, G. A. White, H. A. Gregory and R. G. V. Mead.

Junior Match.

For their Second Division match the Kowloon C.C. will be represented by the following players against the Indian R.C. at King's Park:

H. Overy, G. Lee, F. S. W. Smith, F. E. Lawrence, F. E. Skinner, J. Hunter, A. R. F. Kaven, O. B. Raven, H. Hampton, C. F. Wood, and D. S. Green.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

Draw for the Hong Foursomes.

The draw for the Hong Foursomes of the Kowloon Golf Club has been made and resulted as follows:

G. E. L. Johnson and W. Simpson (Public Works Department), by.

F. Bishop and Widdock (Naval Yard) v. H. Mundy and F. Edwards (Dowdells); R. G. Craig and J. McElvain (Kowloon Docks) v. Reed and Brayley (Sanitary Department); J. G. Meyer and H. G. Russell (Mackintosh & Co.) v. J. McKnight and L. J. Cave (Mustard & Co.); W. Taylor and G. I. Angus (China Light & Power Co.) v. L. Goldman and E. C. Flincher (Gilligan & Co.); T. E. Remedios and S. Jex (Union Trading Co.) v. T. P. Sanderson and W. Stoker (Hong Kong Electric).

W. M. Grove and J. G. Eastman (Kowloon Colonnade) v. v.

The first round matches are to be played on Sunday.

VILLA WIN OVER THE WEDNESDAY.

Southport's Two Points Away from Home.

LINCOLN'S HOME WIN.

London, Yesterday. The following were the results of to-day's League matches as cabled by Reuter:

First Division. Aston Villa 3 Wednesday 1

Third Division (North). Darlington 0 Southport 1

Lincoln C. 3 Carlisle 1

Our Sports Diary.

To-day.

LAWN TENNIS—Open Singles—J. Barrow v. F. Hata; W. Wirth v. J. W. Leonard; J. J. Waite v. F. H. Kwok; Lee Wai-tsoi v. F. Gross; G. W. Sewell v. A. E. Guest; Tsui Wai-pui v. G. Lau; H. D. Rumjahn v. Lee Wai-tong.

To-morrow.

LAWN TENNIS—Open Singles—A. H. Barkins v. Yew Man-kit; Ip Tak-cheuk v. J. A. Cassimbo; M. K. Lo v. Y. Hachiuma; E. C. Flincher v. J. Barrow or F. Hata; S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Wai-pui; Open Doubles—G. W. Sewell and L. Wright v. Wong Fuk-nam and H. H. Ho; G. A. Noronha and L. A. da Rocha v. T. L. Lu and C. C. Luk; A. R. Minu and A. H. Madar v. W. T. Lee and D. C. Luk; C. F. Hyde and M. W. Turner v. A. V. Remedios and L. A. Ribeiro.

Saturday.

CRICKET—First Division—Indian R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Craignagower C.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (F.); Second Division—Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. Craignagower C.C. (F.); Royal Engineers & Signals v. University (F.).

FOOTBALL—First Division—Kowloon v. Borderers; Navy v. St. Joseph's; Third Division—Royal Engineers v. Royal Air Force; Borderers v. Revere.

RACING—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

Sunday.

FOOTBALL—Charity Match—Army v. Chinese at Caroline Hill at 4.30 p.m.

GOLF—Final of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Captain's Cup.

HUNTING—Panling Hunt Hounds Meet at Lokmachau at 3.15 p.m.

CLUB DEFEAT THE BORDERERS.

Narrow Hockey Victory at King's Park.

ONLY SEVEN REGULARS.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, a weak Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven defeated the South Wales Borderers by the odd goal in three in a friendly hockey encounter.

Play was very fast in spite of the hard going of the ground. The Club fielded seven of their regular players, and were assisted by three Incognito players and a member of the Queen's Royal Regiment.

In the first five minutes of the game, Francis scored, for the Club, with a fast shot that hit the top left corner of the net. In the second half, the Borderers equalised through their centre-forward, but shortly after R. C. Reed, netted the Club's winning goal. The remainder of the game produced a ding-dong struggle.

In the Club's forward line, Francis and R. C. Reed combined with understanding. In the defence, the team was much below its usual standard. For the Borderers, Ford, Capt. Smeathers, Lt. Tyler and Johnson played well.

Club "A" Eleven.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" team v. C.B.A. at King's Park to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.—

E. S. Moses; L. A. R. Duncan (captain), L. F. Nicholson; F. W. Allen, E. G. S. Dale, K. H. Uttley; S. Hill, W. H. Smith, W. A. Nowers, J. L. Tetley, and G. F. Rees.

Hong Kong Ladies' Eleven.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club in a friendly match against St. Andrew's on the Diocesan Girls' School ground at 5.15 p.m. today:

M. Bird; E. M. Gray, J. Smalley; B. Franklin, A. Owen Hughes, C. Ferguson; E. S. Laing, M. Smalley, P. M. Harrop, A. G. Orme, and E. Blackburn.

CAMPBELL BREAKS SPEED RECORD.

253.968 m.p.h. at Daytona Beach.

On the Daytona Beach track today Sir Malcolm Campbell created a new world's motoring record by registering 253.968 m.p.h.—Reuter.

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MR. A. S. DEBENHAM.

Death Of Managing Director Of The A.P.C.

News was received in Singapore of the sudden death at home recently of Mr. Archibald Scott Debenham, the managing director of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., and a director of the Shell Transport and Trading Co., the Royal Dutch and their subsidiary companies. He had been associated with the Shell group for over 30 years.

Mr. Debenham was one of the leading figures in the oil world, and the full list of the companies with which he was associated are as follows:—Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd., Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., Esso-Mexican Petroleum Masticapul, Candles, Ltd., Consolidated Petroleum Co., Ltd., Eagle Oil and Shipping Co., Ltd., London and National Property Co., Ltd., Shell Co. (Gold Coast), Ltd., Shell Co. of Nigeria, Ltd., Shell Mex, Ltd., and Shell Transport and Trading Co., Ltd.

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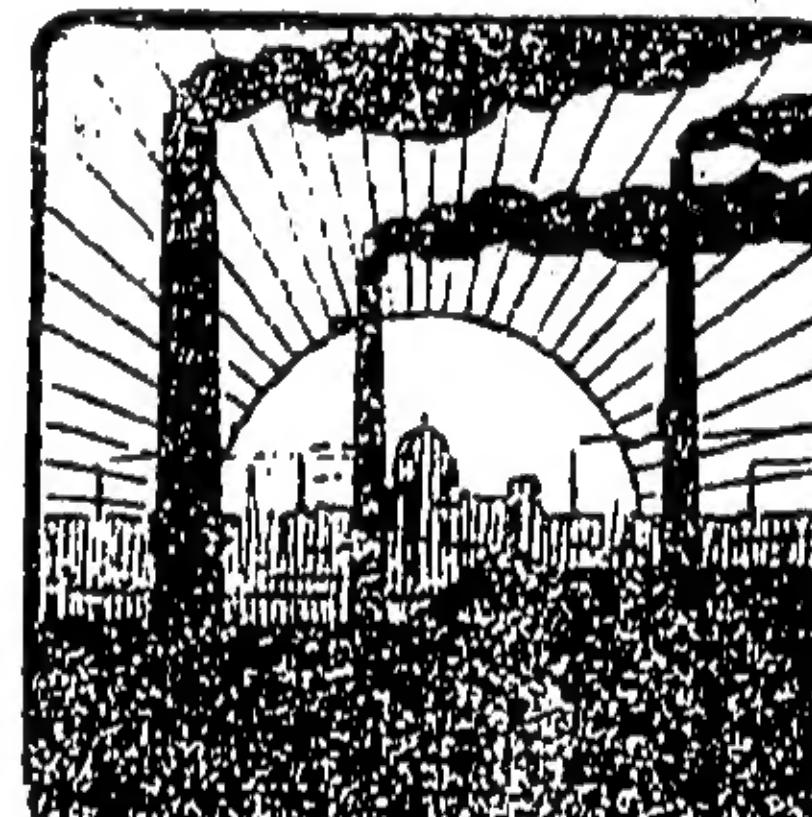
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ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

MAIL REVIEWERS.

"ZIMMY."

Everything that was claimed for "Zimmy," variously described as the Half-Man Wonder and the World's Champion Legless Swimmer, was verified by large audiences at all shows of the King's Theatre yesterday, when the man with "36 inches and no feet," that's his own joke, not mine, made his first stage appearance here.

Before "Zimmy" rolled on (on a roller skate), a short film was shown of the "Zimmies" at home— "Zimmy" himself, Mrs. "Zimmy" and two bonny "Zimmy" kiddies. In this film we see "Zimmy" romp about his garden with his children, run up and down steps as fast as they could, drive a motor car, play golf with regulation size clubs, perched on a stool to give him the required height and dive, swim and ride the surf-board at Waikiki.

Then the cheerful American appears in the flesh and cracks jokes about bunions, corns and other feet troubles from which he never suffers. He climbs on to a table and a chair and jumps off them with ease, does his "daily dozen" balanced only on the thumb and first finger of each hand, and then enters a small glass tank, in which, with the water above his head, he eats, drinks and smokes, being, in fact, more at home than a fish in water! Then, last, but by no means least, he gives a dance on his short stumps, and gee! how Zimmy can Shimmy.

"Ladies of the Big House." The feature film in the programme is "Ladies of the Big House," a gripping story of crooks, crooked police official, and jail life in America, and of a young couple who get caught in this net of vice and the man nearly hangs for a murder which he never committed. The girl saves him in the end and they have the satisfaction of seeing those who "railroaded" them "go up the river" for long spells while they sail for their belated honeymoon in Russia, of all places, after such a terrible experience! But he has a job in an oil field there, and I suppose roubles are just as useful as dollars—if you get plenty of them.

— JAY.

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"LADIES OF THE BIG HOUSE."

Jane Darwell, the Widow Douglas of Paramount's "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn," was re-signed by that company to portray one of the outstanding roles in the romance, "Ladies of the Big House," featuring Sylvia Sidney and Gene Raymond. The picture, which is a heart-gripping love story of two young persons, who get in a mix-up with gangsters and are caught and convicted of murder, though innocent, is the featured attraction at the King's Theatre.

Miss Darwell made her screen debut in the second motion picture ever produced by Paramount. It was "Brewster's Millions," and was produced in the historic barn that was the original Paramount studio. Had she arrived in Hollywood a week sooner, Miss Darwell would have been in Paramount's first film. Miss Darwell returned to the stage after two years, and returned to pictures to make her talking screen debut in "Tom Sawyer." She is one of the older school of melodramatic and repertoire stage show artists, and has played hundreds of roles in all parts of the country.

"CANARIES SOMETIMES SING."

"Extraneous disturbances" are the bane of the "Talkie" director. A cough, perhaps the dropping of an aspirate, a shuffle, or any sound at the moment the microphone is "alive" is dreaded. Tom Walls, who directed "Canaries Sometimes Sing," will be shown at the King's Theatre next Sunday, says that the fear something untoward will happen during the taking of a scene is very wearing. The possibility of a disturbance is always in one's mind, and there are other little troubles. He told of the "canary" which was an important super in "Canaries Sometimes Sing." Percy was required to be disconsolate and, therefore, quiet in his cage. But the property people selected a

cock bird which persisted in singing and spoiled three or four scenes. Then they introduced a hen bird which, after the manner of her sex, twittered when she should not have done.

"TARZAN THE TIGER."

The age-old dislike of the horse for the camel was graphically illustrated during the filming of matshed. The matshed was situated near the Lee "Tarzan the Tiger," Universal's Gardens. The matshed succeeded vivid and exciting sound serial, in releasing the ponies and getting first chapter of which is showing to-day at the Central Theatre. Ancient historians have chronicled in old battles, cavalry was disorganized by stampeding the horses with camels. During a scene in "Tarzan the Tiger" the matshed was situated near the Lee "Tarzan the Tiger," Universal's Gardens. The matshed succeeded vivid and exciting sound serial, in releasing the ponies and getting first chapter of which is showing to-day at the Central Theatre. Ancient historians have chronicled in old battles, cavalry was disorganized by stampeding the horses with camels. During a scene in "Tarzan the Tiger" the matshed was situated near the Lee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S FIRE.

Race Ponies' Matshed Destroyed.

TIMELY RESCUE OF ANIMALS.

There was a wild stampede when a fire broke out at the matshed in which were housed race ponies belonging to Messrs. A. M. L. Soares and F. M. L. Soares, the owners of Flying Tourist, Night Patrol, Ghost Train and other prominent griffins and subscription griffins. The illustrated during the filming of matshed was situated near the Lee

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Hong Kong, Thursday, Feb. 25, 1932.

A Constitutional Innovation.

A month ago, almost to a day as dates go, there occurred in Great Britain a crisis, a Cabinet crisis. The news of this crisis, which was not altogether unexpected, was duly cabled to this Colony, as also was the news of the expedient adopted to meet it.

Interested and concerned as the public here has been for many months past in important happenings nearer the Colony, not a very great deal of thought seems to have been given to the incident. It has been overshadowed heavily by the Shanghai campaign. This is not surprising. To-day, however, for a change, it is proposed to draw attention to the subject, because it is an event of historical importance. And it is of historical importance, not only to the British Commonwealth of Nations, but to all who, with little understanding, proclaim themselves to be democrats.

The crisis arose — as from the day the National Government, with its National Cabinet, was formed, it had been expected to arise — on the one question which, like the Sword of Damocles, had been suspended above the Cabinet, threatening, when the hair strand gave way, to cut into pieces that body entrusted with the destiny of the world's greatest Empire of the day. The question, of course, was that of a General Tariff. For weeks a Cabinet Committee had been examining the problem, and when, at last, its report, which recommended a general emergency tariff at a uniform rate of 10 to 15 per cent., was presented, it was revealed that it was a majority, and not unanimous, report.

In ordinary circumstances, a "split in the Cabinet" would have meant the Premier's resignation and an appeal to the country. In other words a General Election. But this is no ordinary time. It is recognised generally, and in the light of emergency, that the "split" is a workable expedient.

There are but two ways of regarding this bold challenge to precedent. Either you reject it as unconstitutional, or accept it as another example of British tactics for political compromise in a grave emergency.

Times change, so it is said. And we are, also, it is said, in an age of experiments, and in an age of bold, if headstrong, and foolish at times, try-outs. The spirit burns strongly in us to try new paths, the well-trodden paths of our forefathers are avoided. We pride ourselves on our modernity, our originality, our broadmindedness, and our fearlessness of bold experiment. Above all, we pride ourselves on our lack of conservatism. And, are there any reasons of such great importance that, in our political life, we should not innovate, should not boldly experiment? We think, not.

So, remembering just this one fact, that we are yet in a state of emergency, let us, whatever our views on the subject of the carrying on of a Cabinet split in two (and bear in mind the split is not in halves), watch the progress of this experiment, deferring judgment for yet a while.

News in Brief.

Lowest open air temperature yesterday was 58. Humidity at 10 a.m. was 86 and at 4 p.m. 80.

Whilst asleep in a cockloft at 425, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, a youth, Ng Hung-kong, (19), was stabbed near the abdomen. He suspects another foki, who is alleged to have since absconded.

Entries close to-day for the Hong Kong Horticultural Society Flower Show which is to take place on March 3. Intending exhibitors should send their entries at once to the Secretary's Office at No. 11 Queen's Road Central.

ment came into power on the crest of the wave Emergency, and the wave, it will be conceded, has yet not cast up on the beach its burden.

Accordingly, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, not afraid of treading new and untried paths, showed as great courage as he has shown on occasions before, and challenged a system of government that has endured for over two centuries. He declined to regard the "split" as a hint to resign. He decided to carry on. The emergency, which had brought into power the National Government, yet existed. And the National Government had not yet accomplished the task the country had set it to do.

So, in this manner, was the crisis temporarily averted. The following statement was issued —

The Cabinet has had before it the report of its Committee on the Balance of Trade, and, after prolonged discussion, it has been found impossible to reach a unanimous conclusion on the Committee's recommendations.

The Cabinet, however, is deeply impressed with the paramount importance of maintaining national unity in the presence of the grave problems that now confront this country and the whole world.

It has accordingly determined that some modification of usual Ministerial practice is required, and has decided that Ministers who find themselves unable to support the conclusions arrived at by the majority of their colleagues on the subject of import duties and cognate matters are to be at liberty to express their views by speech and vote.

The Cabinet, being essentially united on all other matters of politics, believes that, by this special provision it is best interpreting the will of the nation and the needs of the times.

Now, this action was decidedly a constitutional innovation — a "great national experiment," it has been described. And it was to be expected that so bold a step would be sharply and severely criticised.

"In all quarters," home news papers tell us, "it was received with surprise, in some with the fiercest hostility, in others with admiration, but to the great mass of responsible citizens, there can be no doubt, it has presented itself as an experimental method of escape from an imminent political danger."

The engagement is announced of Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, the well-known sportsman, and Miss Leung, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leung Yue-tat of Hong Kong. Mr. Ng Sze-kwong is the second son of Mr. Ng Pak-to, a retired gentleman, and a descendant of a very old and distinguished Chinese family. His great grandfather was originally a high official of Fukien who came to the south as a refugee at the time of the Tai Ping Rebellion. Mr. Ng Sze-kwong's grandfather, the late Mr. Ng Cheong, was one of the earliest settlers in the Colony, being one of the pioneers. He died in the reign of King William IV, leaving a millionaire.

NATURE'S PERFECT VENTRiloquist

THE LYRE BIRD.

Wonderful Mimicry.

The lyre bird, also known as the Australian mocking bird, inhabits the tall and densely timbered mountainous country, extending from the extreme south-eastern corner of Queensland to Victoria, and chiefly on the coastal areas, writes S. W. Jackson in the Sydney Morning Herald.

We have three species, all of which are wonderful mimics, and the best known of these is the lyre bird of New South Wales (*Menura superba*), while a very closely allied species is found in the extreme south-eastern portion of New South Wales and Victoria, and known as Queen Victoria lyre bird (*Menura victoriae*); and the most northern form is Prince Albert lyre bird (*Menura alberti*), which frequents the jungles of the Richmond and Tweed River districts of north-eastern New South Wales and south-eastern Queensland. The first nest and egg of this particular species was discovered by the late Mr. J. F. Wilcox, in the Richmond River district, in August, 1882, and were forwarded to the British Museum a month later.

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The tail feathers of the male of this species are very different to those in the males of the other two species, and are not so handsome, and the two central feathers, narrow and prolonged, cross each other at the base.

The introduced fox is playing much havoc with the lyre birds, and the many bundles of their blood-stained feathers which are left behind bear testimony of one of the various species that this plunderer feeds upon.

The ruthless and senseless destruction of the lyre bird for the sake of the tail feathers has, to a certain extent, diminished its numbers in some districts. All lovers of bird and beast should do their best to prevent it.

During the year 1902, when the very severe drought period existed, these birds were naturally half-starved, and parties of cruel hunters set fire to their haunts, in order to drive the birds out, and killed over 400 of these lovely creatures for the sake of securing their tails, which, as most people know, resemble very much the shape of a harp or "lyre". However, it is pleasing to know that the Bird Protection Act of to-day prohibits such slaughter taking place again, or anyone having a tail in their possession.

Personal Party.

The Crown Princess Martha of Norway has given birth to a daughter.

Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, (Puisne Judge) arrived from England after long leave this morning, aboard the P. and O. s.s. Rajputana.

Detective-Inspector W. Shannon, of the C.I.D., returned from leave on the P. & O. Rajputana this morning. Detective-Inspector K. W. Andrew, who acted in Inspector Shannon's absence, has been transferred to Yaumaudi C.I.D. office.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Nathan Moise Conoff, of Messrs. Sentett Freres, Nanking Road, Shanghai, and Vera Gensburger, staying at the Peninsula Hotel; and of Max German, merchant, of 32, Gloucester Building, and Vera Fsmolova, of 10, Fung Fai Terrace.

Lady Clementi and Miss Clementi were passengers in the R.S.F.C.'s Saro Cutty Sark during one of her flights over the week-end, says the Singapore Free Press. The machine was piloted by the Chief Inspector (Flt-Lt. S. H. Potter) and by Mr. E. Rhodes (hon. secretary) and assistant instructor.

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The rattle of hobble chains, the clink of the saddle-carried pannican, the puff and whistle of a railway train, the howling of the dingos, and the screaming of the sharpening or filling of a bushman's cross-cut saw, and sometimes even the call, or "coo-ee", of the bushman, are included in his repertoire.

I once heard one several times

accurately imitate the peculiar speaking sound produced by the howl of a cowling boat as a party of us were going up one of the branches of Port Macquarie, near Sydney. When camped in the Dingo Juncles in 1898 and 1910, and Richmond River, N.S.W., in 1909,

had much experience with these wonderful birds, also on the Macpherson Range, in Queensland in 1919 and 1920, and Victoria in 1917 and 1927, and have carefully studied all the three species in their haunts. Every morning, with the first peep of dawn, the reveille was sounded by one of them in the dense timber near the camp, whilst underfoot the fallen leaves made a soft carpet, over which it should have been easy to follow the bird noiselessly, and get a good view of it. Yet at times we scarcely got sight of even a tail feather.

His traces were always plentiful; the leaves, sticks, bark, decayed logs, etc., all being raked over and over most thoroughly by beetles, grubs, and worms with his powerful legs and claws, and many a luckless jungle snail had been hooked out of his moist hiding-place, including the very large Helix fulconaria, to furnish a "bit-bit" for the handsome pair that wandered and woed in the lovely spot.

The Dancing Mounds.

Mimicry and ventriloquism are not, however, his sole accomplishments; he is a bird of parts, and has his particular dancing mound, which consists of a small and rather circular piece of raised ground, scratched clean, upon which he dances and mimics, and fully displays his beautiful tail, with the daintiest of airs and paces. This he does when absolutely undisturbed, and get a view of one thus engaged a person must slowly and patiently approach the spot.

At the beautiful and perfectly natural National Park, near Sydney, I obtained some splendid views of these birds dancing over twenty years ago; and some time ago his Excellency, Sir Phillip Game, inspected the "dancing mounds" in the bush at this park, when on a short camping visit there with some other bird-lovers.

Though rather a poor flier, the bird is, I think, the swiftest feathered runner of the bush, and will cover the distance in seconds as against the minutes of his clumsy pursuer, without lifting a wing.

The bird often makes some very extraordinary jumps. I have seen them jump, with a little flap, eight feet or so from the ground into a convenient branch of a tree, and continue to ascend in successive leaps until it had obtained a sufficient elevation to enable it safely to fly, or float, with its comparatively small wings, down to a gully below.

The nest is a large domed structure, composed of sticks, leaves, moss, ferns, bark, etc. measuring about 30 inches or more long by about 20 inches across. As a rule, the entrance faces outwards, or towards, the light, and is placed in a number of different positions; sometimes in ferns on the ground, or in the thick fork of a tree, on top of a tall stump or a large rock, in a clump of tree ferns, or on the bank of a steep creek, and very often high up on the ledge of a cliff, in order to escape the destructive fox. I have photographed the nests in quite a variety of situations.

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Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of February 25, 1922.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4 18/16.

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Hong Kong loses another notable figure in the death of Sir Ellis Kadoorie, who passed away at six o'clock yesterday morning from heart failure. A genial personality and a generous philanthropist, his loss will be mourned by a large circle of friends both here and in Shanghai.

Sir Ellis Kadoorie, who was 66 years of age, had been living in a room in Prince's Building, pending completion of a new home at Repulse Bay. He was apparently in full health until the last day of the race when he complained of cold and feeling feverish. This condition continued until early yesterday morning when heart failure supervened and he collapsed.

By T. Thompson.

REVEILLE!**A DELIGHTFUL TALE SET IN A WORKING MAN'S HOME.****"Our Joe and Our Bill! Our Liza and Our Jane!"**

Mrs. Spicer turned over sleepily "Ne'er thee mind him, Bill. Rub and reached out into the gloom towards the aggravating alarm clock hard w' th' towel. An' thee be which threatened to rouse the now but a lick an' a promise for neighbourhood. She effectually three weeks as Ah con tell on." "Mi scotched its tintinnabulation, and britches want mendin'," said Joe, rolled back for five minutes. "Ah connot do 'em now," said Mrs. more of drowsy ecstasy. Then Spicer. "Thia man poo 'em off to she sat up slowly and rub-neck an' go to bed soon." "It's bed her eyes. Gradually she brought, herself to the idea eaws Bill y'do 'em now." "Look that she had timed herself to the what time it is," said his mother. minute. She dressed mechanically "Yo' wor lat' twice last week, an' and wound up the paper blind. The yo're gooin' to be quartered again street lamps stretched before her to infinity. And so, she remembered, did also her daily rounds. Her husband had gone to his work an hour ago; the fire would be lit and silence. When they had got nearly to the bottom of the pile of bread and butter Bill said, "Cut two more slices, mother." Mrs. Spicer reflected for what was left of the loaf. "Han yo' lost your appetites," she asked sarcastically, "an' fun hosses?" "It tak's a bit to keep us gooin'," said Bill. "It's like throwin' it down a soaf, said his mother. "It's time yo' wor off, Quarter-to-buzzer went a bit sin'." "Milk's turned," said Joe. "It's swimmin' on th' top." "Get it supped," said Mrs. Spicer wearily. "There's thousands o' lads as'd be fain o' what's in front o' yo' this mornin'."

The two lads rose from the table to complete their dressing. "Wheer's mi' weskit?" asked Bill. "Eawr Joe's puttin' it on." "Mine's two buttons off," said Joe. "Why didn't ta tell me? Give it him back this minute," shouted his mother. "If ever a woman wor plagued!" The lads dived for a coat here and a cap there and finally stood with boxes in their hands and ready to go. "Good mornin', mother," said Joe. "Good mornin', mother," said Bill. "Good mornin', lad." She kissed them both. "Behav, yoresel's," she said. "There'll be a warm tator pie in th' oon when yo' come back to neet. God bless yo', my lads." She watched them along the long street and round the corner. The morning light was now creeping into the sky, and the streetamps were bobbing out automatically. She stood and watched them also. "They began to pop out at the other end of the long street. Pop, pop, pop, right down to the one near her door. She came in and shut the door. Her cup of coffee was nearly cold, but she drank it with relish and ate a slice of bread and butter standing.

When she had finished she went again to the foot of the stairs and called, with some tenderness, "Our Liza and our Jane, come on now an' get ready for schoo'." Manchester Guardian. "Have Ah to wakken o' th' rov to get two dozy rascallions to their wark?" There was an angry protest from upstairs. "What's to do now?" asked Mrs. Spicer. "Eawr Bill's ta'en o' th' clooas," said Joe. "Ah'll come an' poo th' lot off," said Mrs. Spicer. But she did nothing of the sort.

She went on cutting until there was a respectable pile upon the table and two more piles which she made into sandwiches with potted meat. Then she filled two little empty mustard tins with tea and sugar. The sandwiches she placed into fibre lunch-boxes. Meanwhile Joe and Bill had accepted the inevitable, and came reluctantly down the stairs. "Wheer's mi' shoes?" asked Joe. "Wheer did ta put 'em last neet?" countered his mother. "It's nowt but reich me an' fotch me in this house. Dun yo' think Ah'm nowt but an arrand-ad?"

The pair donned their shoes simultaneously, only pausing to rub their eyes. "Yo' should go to bed sooner," said Mrs. Spicer. "There's no gettin' yo' to bed an' there's no gettin' yo' up. When Ah wor yo're age Ah had to get up at hawve-past five an' no messin'. Mi mother'd ha' pogged me out o' bed bi th' yure o' th' yed of Ah'd bin hawve o' th' trouble yo' two are." "Times is different," said Bill.

The pair sleepily rolled up their shirt sleeves and went into the kitchen to wash. After a sharp struggle for precedence, which went to Bill, there was a yell from the visitor. "What's to do now?" asked his mother impatiently. "Ah've gotten soap in mi' can," said Bill. "It serves him reet," said Joe. "Thar a peevish nowt," said Mrs. Spicer.

SHARE MARKET.**Distinctly Quiet.****SETTLEMENT LIQUIDATIONS.**

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: Despite the fact that the Rances are over, the session opened distinctly quiet, this being mainly due to some Settlement liquidation still pending.

Sales.	Hong Kong Bank, \$1,340.
Union Insurance,	\$410.
Buyers.	Union Insurance, \$407½.
Douglases,	\$26.
Hotels (Old),	\$13.
Chinese Estates,	\$95.
Singapore Tractions (Pref.),	14/-.
Amusements,	\$19¾.
Govt. Loans, 3% Premium.	
Sellers.	Cutters, \$29.
Docks,	China Lights (Old), \$21.
Cements (Comb.),	\$16.50.

Nature's Perfect Ventriloquist.

(Continued from Page 6.) Only one egg is deposited each year, larger than that laid by the ordinary domestic fowl, and generally of a light to dark purplish-grey colour. The period of incubation is unusually long, extending up to five or six weeks, during which time the hen does not rely on her mate for food, and she leaves the nest in search of it. The young bird does not leave the nest for six to eight weeks or sometimes more, after hatching, which is altogether an abnormal time, compared with that similarly employed by other poor or non-flying birds.

SIX MONTHS IN A BATH.**He Has Made Them Safe For People To Slip In.**

Mr. Nathan Maissell, a retired diamond merchant, of North London, has just spent six months in his bath.

Mr. Maissell read in the "Sunday Express" that there had been 100,000 accidents to people in baths, and soon afterwards he met with a similar accident himself.

He then decided to retire from business and endeavour to evolve something to make the bathroom safe.

Every day during the past year he has gone into his bathroom at noon, and stayed there, except for intervals for meals, till early the next morning.

Time after time, worn out by his ceaseless work, he fell asleep in the bath, and awoke to find the water cold.

The results of his experiments, after spending nearly £1,000, are a non-slip rubber base to the bath, a soft rubber seat and back rest, and a spongy rubber pillow. These are secured to the bath by rubber suckers. An adaptable chin rest suitable for bathers who are subject to fainting fits, is fixed to the pillow.

NOISE NUISANCE**SIR WM. BRAGG GIVES HOPE OF RELIEF.****Scientists' Efforts.**

Sir William Bragg, Director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, was the guest of the Manchester Luncheon Club, to whose members he spoke of what science might do in the prevention of noise and other modern nuisances.

He called these abuses of light and sound offences against civilisation, only pausing to rub their eyes. "Yo' should go to bed sooner," said Mrs. Spicer. "There's no gettin' yo' to bed an' there's no gettin' yo' up. When Ah wor yo're age Ah had to get up at hawve-past five an' no messin'."

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break up and the people say 'Good-night' to one another, then I hear them. In fact the human voice will wake you almost any time when no other noise will.'

Noises of Industry.

While it was difficult to suggest how the whole nuisance of noise could be combated, Sir William spoke of what had been done in the scientific study of acoustics. The noises of industry was one of the problems, he said, which had been referred to the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington. He told of what science had accomplished in guaranteeing that such modern buildings as the Hall at Geneva, the Ulster Parliament House, and the Melbourne Town Hall should be acoustically satisfactory. Science might deal with such matters. How of street noises? An instrument could be made to register individual noises, but he acknowledged that it would be difficult to put it to practical use and to allow the sound measured by a policeman to become the basis of a prosecution.

The problem of light, of the illumination of buildings, was also

SIAMESE LOCOMOTIVE VENTURE.**DIESEL OIL ENGINE AT PRAI.**

The International Express from Bangkok, which arrived at Prai yesterday afternoon, says the Pinang Gazette of February 6, was hauled by a Diesel locomotive, the first of this type to be seen in Malaya.

In anticipation of its arrival, a number of people gathered on Prai Station platform and everybody received a mild surprise as the train came into view.

"Where is the engine?" asked the man next to me.

"I'm sure I don't know," I replied.

To all appearances the train was moving into the platform without an engine, but the secret was soon revealed. The object that looked like the front coach was in fact the engine!

These Diesel engines manufactured chiefly in Denmark and Switzerland, are stated to have been extensively used on European railway systems recently and a few have been brought out to do experimental service in the Royal State Railways of Siam.

According to a Siamese railway official who arrived in Penang the results have been satisfactory. Their chief merits

RAILWAY IRRITATION.**After-Dinner Concert That Strikes The Right Note.****Explanation Of Desire To Kick Fellow Passenger.**

London's latest form of entertainment—the Sunday after-dinner concert—is now also one of its most popular. It has justified itself to the hilt by removing the reproach of dullness that once clung to these end-of-the-week-end hours.

At the same time, it has been a distinct demand to supply. The greater satisfaction then in finding exactly the right intimate note struck, as it were, in the triple choice of programme at the Dorchester.

Miss Elena Daniel's soprano songs included "My Noble Knight" (Meyerbeer) and a delightful Strauss serenade, sung with liveliness and purity of tone. By way of entree there was the ballet of Vanda and Vladimir, whose excellent little act led up a further contract in this menu a tricornes—the amusing "nonsense" conversation of Naunton Wayne.

For the length of his inevitable ray journey," he said, "that sometimes one feels a desire to kick a fellow passenger, who, for some unexplained reason, seems to radiate a feeling of antagonism."

Some sort of emanation or ray, he suggested, might cause such disturbances. If a step could be taken towards bringing, to a stage where it could be tested with instruments, knowledge of the radiation which took place from all forms of life; something would have been achieved which might have an important influence upon human happiness.

"It may be possible some day," Professor Low said, "to produce a ray which irritates people and another, ray which soothes them."

SMOKED DURING EXAMINATION.**The 70-Cigarettes-A-Day Student.**

A candidate sitting for an examination at the Witwatersrand University of South Africa had worked at his papers for about an hour when he sent up a request to the examiner to be allowed to smoke.

"Smoke in the examination room? Why, certainly not," replied the horrified official.

In spite of this curt refusal the request was repeated. The examiner saw that the candidate was going white about the gills.

The candidate explained that he was accustomed to smoking 60 and 70 cigarettes a day and found the enforced abstinence at a time of severe mental strain too much for him.

The examiner, himself a smoker, understood. He arranged for a colleague to take charge, and he accompanied the candidate outside. There the candidate enjoyed a cigarette—with the examiner looking on.

receiving careful consideration. The lighting of roads, that eternal difficulty of the dazzling, the lighting of docks and railway sidings were also problems for Teddington. Science could help in the abolition of noise and other nuisances. It offered a better method of cure than the way of punishment. The way to meet the difficulty was to disseminate so much knowledge of what could be done to avoid nuisances, and so much understanding of general principles of light and sound, and understand the nature of offences did not occur at all.

When she was taken from a cupboard in which she had been locked for several years, a 17-year-old girl of Bergam, in Lower Austria, had lost the use of her voice and could not speak. She had been locked up for 10 years, and she was physically健全的.

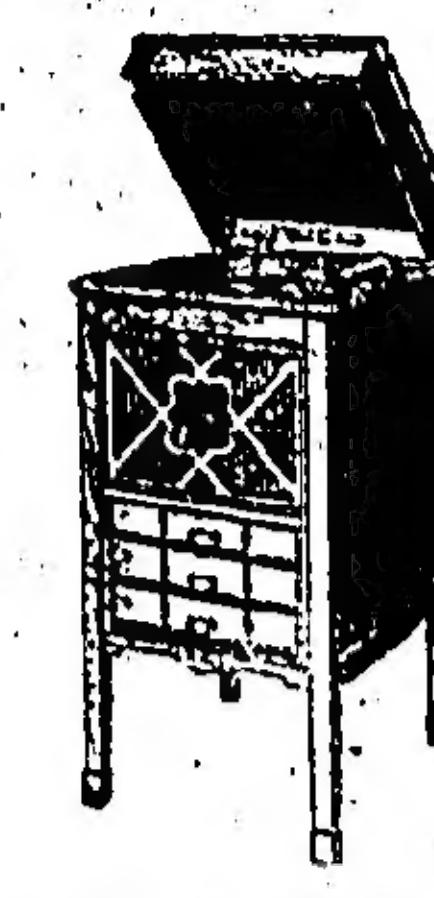
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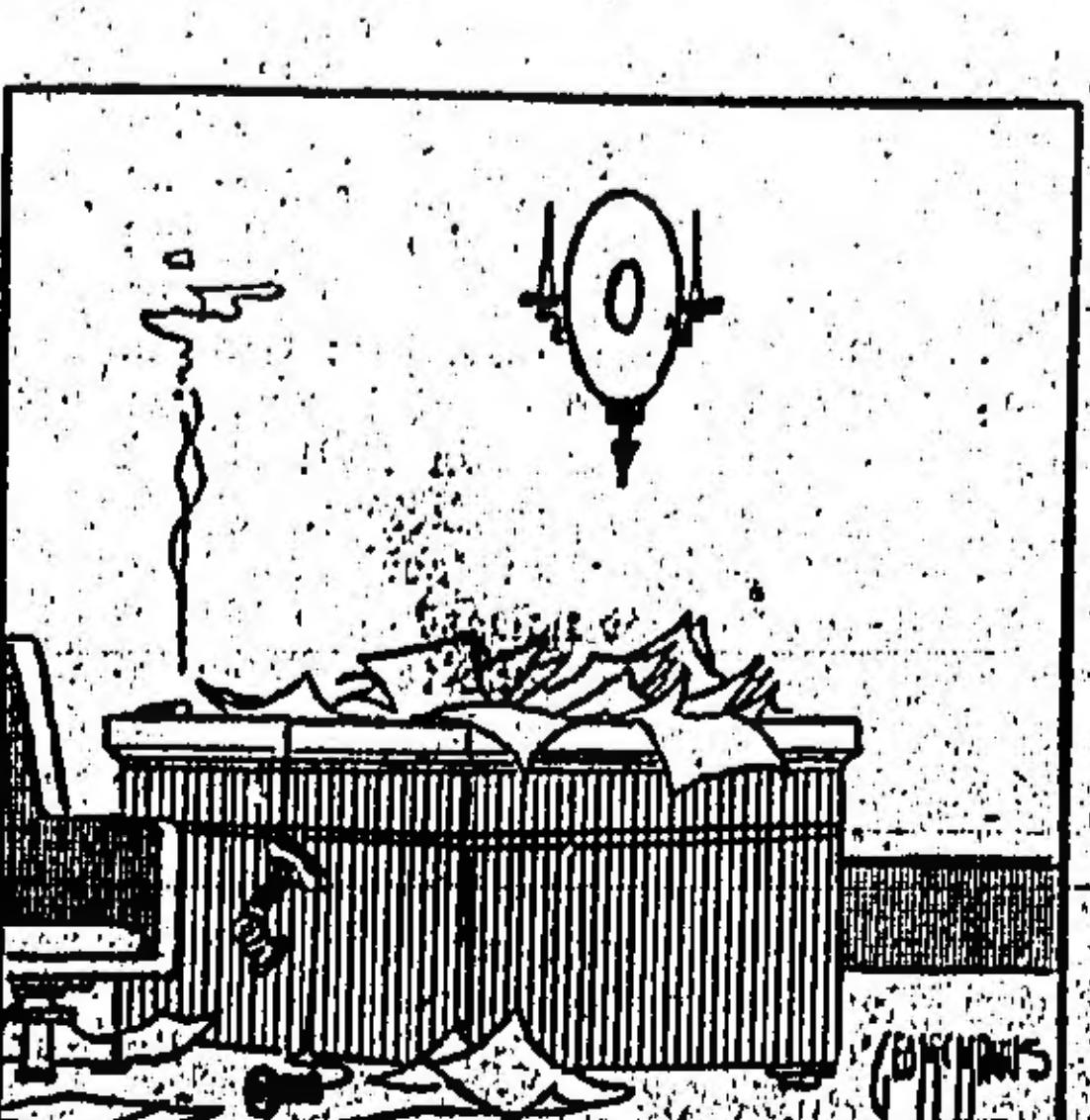
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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Tuesday, February 23. Kaying, British str., 1,672 tons, Capt. P. Green, from Hoilow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Wednesday, February 24. Alster, German str., 5,323 tons, Capt. Habben, from Singapore, buoy No. A16.—Mechers & Co.

Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,647 tons, Capt. Y. Iwasaki, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. E. Sanada, from Canton, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Dorry, Chinese str., 1,083 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Hoilow, buoy No. C4.—Chau Yue Teng.

Groscoa, Norwegian str., 1,029 tons, Capt. M. Mikkelsen, from Bangkok, buoy No. B10.—Thoresen & Co.

Halung, British str., 1,363 tons, Captain Erwin, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.

Hanggang, British str., 1,366 tons, Captain A. D. Kelman, from Swatow, Laichikoh Anchorage.—J.M. & Co.

Hongkeng, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, buoy No. A4.—Ho Thong & Co.

Klungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. R. Allinson, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Kuraramsan Maru, Japanese str., 1,133 tons, Capt. S. Tamura, from Shanghai, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Niel Maersk, Danish str., 3,168 tons, Capt. Anderson, from Manila, buoy No. A6.—Jedson & Co.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Captain J. S. Anderson, from Swatow, buoy No. B19.—B. & S.

Susana II, Chinese str., 2,440 tons, Capt. A. Melusdez, from Amoy, Cosmopolitan Dock—Master.

Sydney Maru, Japanese str., 2,518 tons, Capt. N. Nakayama, from Sakito, buoy No. A5.—O.S.K.

Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, No. B14.—B. & S.

Touraine, Norwegian str., 3,591 tons, Capt. Brun, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Thoresen & Co.

Yingchow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. C. Harris-Walker, from Canton, buoy No. C2.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

Wednesday, February 24. Asama Maru, for Los Angeles.

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Sirkhana, for Singapore.

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STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line a.s. Benderan from Leith, Middlesex; Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila left Singapore on February 23, and is due to arrive here on March 1.

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The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Bridgewater—North wall.

Bruce—In dock.

Herald—East wall.

Hermes—No. 1 buoy.

Keppel—North arm.

Marazion—North wall.

Medway & subs.—No. 2 buoy.

Pandora—In dock.

Proteus—In dock.

Tamar—Basin.

Veteran—West wall.

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NALDEERA	16,000	27th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
*SUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London & London.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,800	2nd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAMPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
*SOMALI	6,800	14th May	Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,800	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDEERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	80th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	6,800	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAMPURA	17,000	27th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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SANTHIA	8,000	27th Feb. 7 a.m.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yhama & Osaka.
*MIRZAFORE	6,700	4th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
*NANKIN	7,000	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yhama.
*KASEGAR	9,000	10th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	11th Mar.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
CORFU	16,000	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
A STEAMER	—	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	7,000	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	6,800	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAMPURA	17,000	7th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
A STEAMER	—	8th Apr.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Gaka.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,500	30th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th May	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yhama.
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NALDEERA	16,000	19th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BHUTAN	6,000	29th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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MR. H. M. TOMLINSON REVIEWS "THE HARBOUR MASTER." An Attractive Novel.

If a true novel must be a story allowed. But I agree that Mr. McFee was bound to assume some suspense; here we are; a good story it is, too. It is also as free of the vice of haste as is that of "Lord Jim," though as hindsight foretold, if less involved, and not quite so desperate in its exactions on time and space. Yet it does not relate a simple problem in an intricate way—and the essentials of the famous story of "Lord Jim" are simple, after all—but indicates quite simply a complexity of problems, all related; and these, by the time we think we know everything and the inevitability of the doom which overtook the harbour master and his beautiful young mistress is made clear, involve the prospect of the general leanness of England and America, to our wonder and alarm. That fact puts Mr. McFee's book in a class apart from the work of Conrad, says Mr. Tomlinson reviewing the book in the Manchester Guardian.

I see an early review calls it a rime. Call it anything you please. That cannot matter when you find yourself, and fairly soon, sitting on the edge of your chair, as it were, and leaning forward, that no clues may be missed which the exasperating Mr. Spenlove, the marine engineer who tells the story, chooses to let fall idly in the erratic wanderings of his speculations while following the destiny of the harbour master. And I waited in greater patience for the clues, and with an increasing interest in his irrelevant commentary, because there was no resisting that seaman's sly humour, when once the idea that possibly he was going to be profound about nothing much had gladly vanished. It vanished in the early pages. For it must be confessed that there was a lurking apprehension when first he raised his voice. It was easy to suspect that Mr. Spenlove was Marlow turned up again, talking this time on the deck of a liner doing the Caribbean with American tourists. A preliminary restiveness may be excused in a jealous reader who knows that Marlow has nothing more to say to us.

Well, Mr. Spenlove has much more, luckily; or we hope so. He has said plenty here, and said it remarkably well. This is Mr. McFee's best book by a long way. I won't say that I did not faintly regret Mr. Spenlove's very obvious beard, and also his bland acceptance of the fact that we were sitting passively in the dusk on the liner's deck, listening to a story which must surely have kept him longer from his beloved engines than any hard-case shipping company ever.

The Harbour Master. By William McFee. London: William Heinemann. Pp. 416. 8s. 6d. net.

corner of the background. Mr. Spenlove, the chief engineer, to whom landladies and many other kinds of ladies were confidential, as well as his captain, and Greek sharks, and strange mademoiselles from Marseilles who were dispersed by the war for the delight of heroes, is reminiscent. That's the point. Shrewdly observant, he is humane and tolerant, but thinks and hopes he is cynical, which gives his fun a ferocious exaggeration at times, though undesigned. He has seen and heard much of the places and people that contribute essentials to the vast and tumultuous spectacle of modern life, though they are but vague rumours to most of us; and here he sets it down, while smoking cigars and recording the adventures of Captain Fraley and the French girl Francine to tourists while his ship is lying off a tropical American shore—a shore made as significant as Salomé is made, and a Liverpool boarding-house, and the apartment house in Manhattan where lived Emily Simpson; I had forgotten her and her family, but they are as good as the rest of the people and places.

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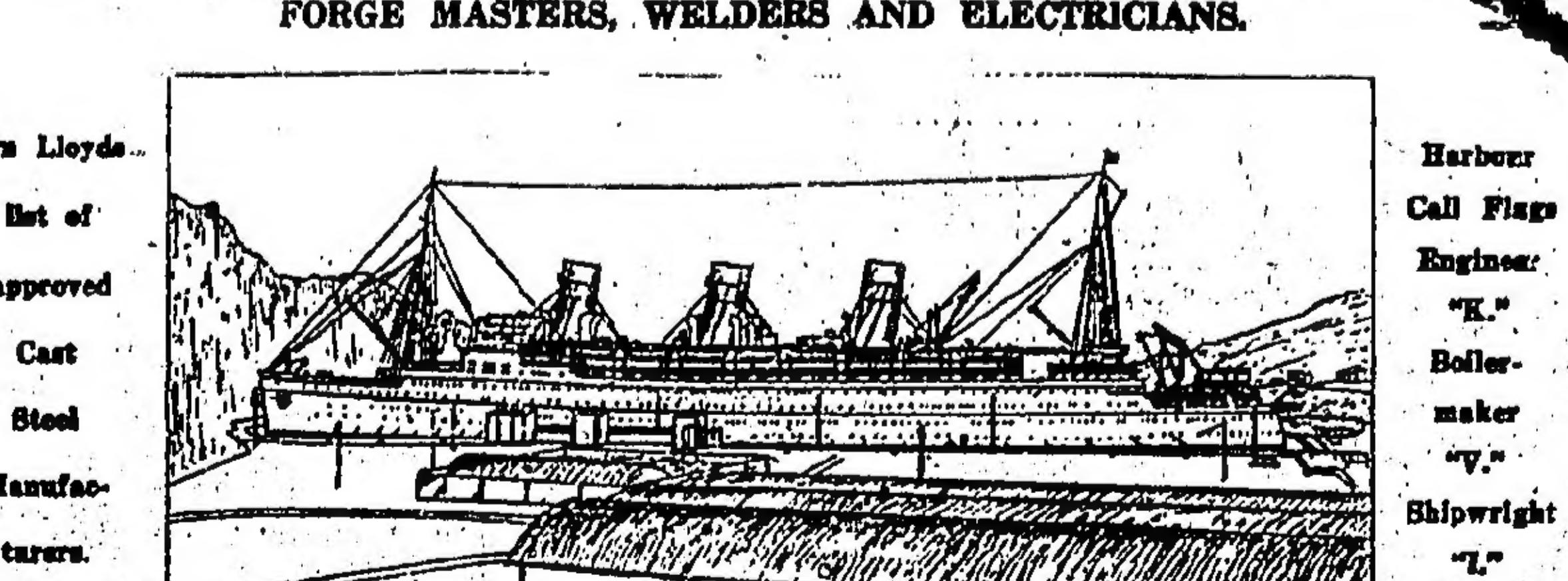
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SOME HELPFUL HINTS FOR POTENTIAL PURCHASER

The Motor tells us that of the questions which harass the minds of those endeavouring to choose a car suited to their needs, the most prominent is often: "What size of engine should I go in for?" This point of view is really inevitable owing to our taxation system, which naturally results in cars being classified according to their rated power.

For a man or woman requiring absolutely the least expensive mode of transport, mainly for two people, the situation is comparatively simple, because there is a certain number of so-called "baby" cars from which to choose, rated at between 7 h.p. and 9 h.p. So soon as this size of vehicle is exceeded, however, rather a baffling number of makes, sizes and types must be given consideration.

It is often said that people now-

days are more strongly influenced by the bodywork than by the chassis when choosing a new car. This is no doubt perfectly true, but what is one to do when, say, two models of differing power are fitted with exactly the same coachwork? This is the case in a growing number of instances and many a potential purchaser has had to think very hard before making a selection.

This fashion for alternative engine sizes may really be said to date from the old days of the Morris-Cowley and Morris-Oxford, when both were fitted with four-cylinder engines differing mainly in rating. It is interesting to notice a reversion to this practice in the new Morris programme. The Morris-Cowley is now made in alternative engine sizes rated at 11.9 h.p. and 13.9 h.p.

Another outstanding example is,

of course, the Ford. Ever since the introduction of "Model A" two engine sizes have been available, rated at 15 h.p. and 24 h.p. respectively, the only other difference being that a higher back-axle ratio is used with the larger engine. To encourage people to acquire the car with the higher rating it is listed at £5 less than the other for all body styles.

Other examples of more recent introduction are the Vauxhall Cadet, announced about a year ago, and the Hillman Wizard, which was brought out last Easter. In the case of the Cadet, the larger engine, rated at 27 h.p., is fitted mainly for export, but can be obtained by British purchasers without increase of cost as compared with the normal 17 h.p. job. In the Wizard, likewise, the two engine sizes are available without difference in price, the ratings being in this case 16 h.p. and 21 h.p.

In passing it may be explained that in these four cases the difference in engine power is primarily obtained by using two cylinder bores i.e., the diameter of each cylinder is larger in one engine than in the other. This is an economical plan from the point of view of production, because the same stroke (piston travel) is used in each case; the crankshafts can, therefore, be made the same throughout and there is no change in the external dimensions of the power unit.

Apart from these four special examples, there are very many cases nowadays where the alternatives of, say, a 10 h.p. four-cylinder engine and a 16 h.p. six-cylinder engine are offered at different prices, but with the same range of coachwork; probably the six-cylinder job will have

OIL CONSUMPTION COMPARED.
As regards oil consumption, there is usually very little to choose when cars are fairly new. As time goes on, however, an engine with a small bore usually wears more rapidly than one with a big bore, so that its oil consumption tends to increase. Here it is worth nothing, also, that small engines require decarbonizing at more frequent intervals than do larger ones.

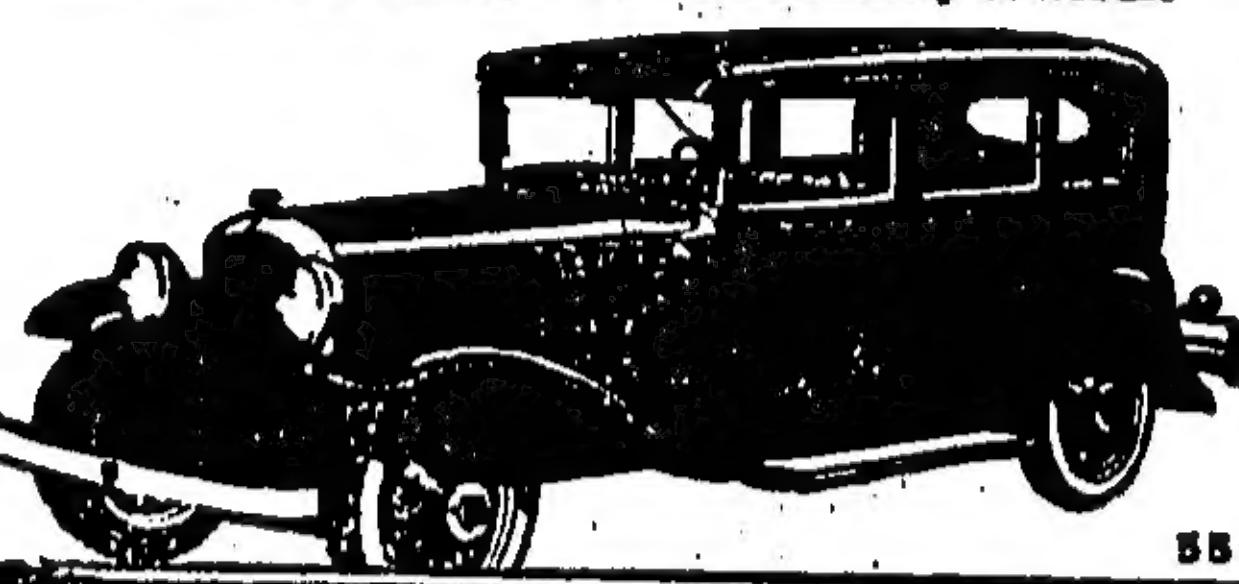
Tyre wear depends so much upon driving methods that it is difficult to draw any accurate comparisons. On the whole, however, it would be fair to say that the greater the power available the more likely it is that wheelspin will help to contribute to the wear of the rear covers. Higher average speeds, too, are encouraged by a big engine and increase the work done by the tyres in various ways.

In conclusion, it seems necessary to mention a point which must surely be fairly obvious, namely, that choice of engine size must be influenced by the locality in which a car is to be run. On a run of 100 miles over level roads the difference between driving a small car and a large one is not very great in respect of either the average speed maintained or in driving fatigue. In hilly country, on the other hand, there is a very great difference in both these respects.

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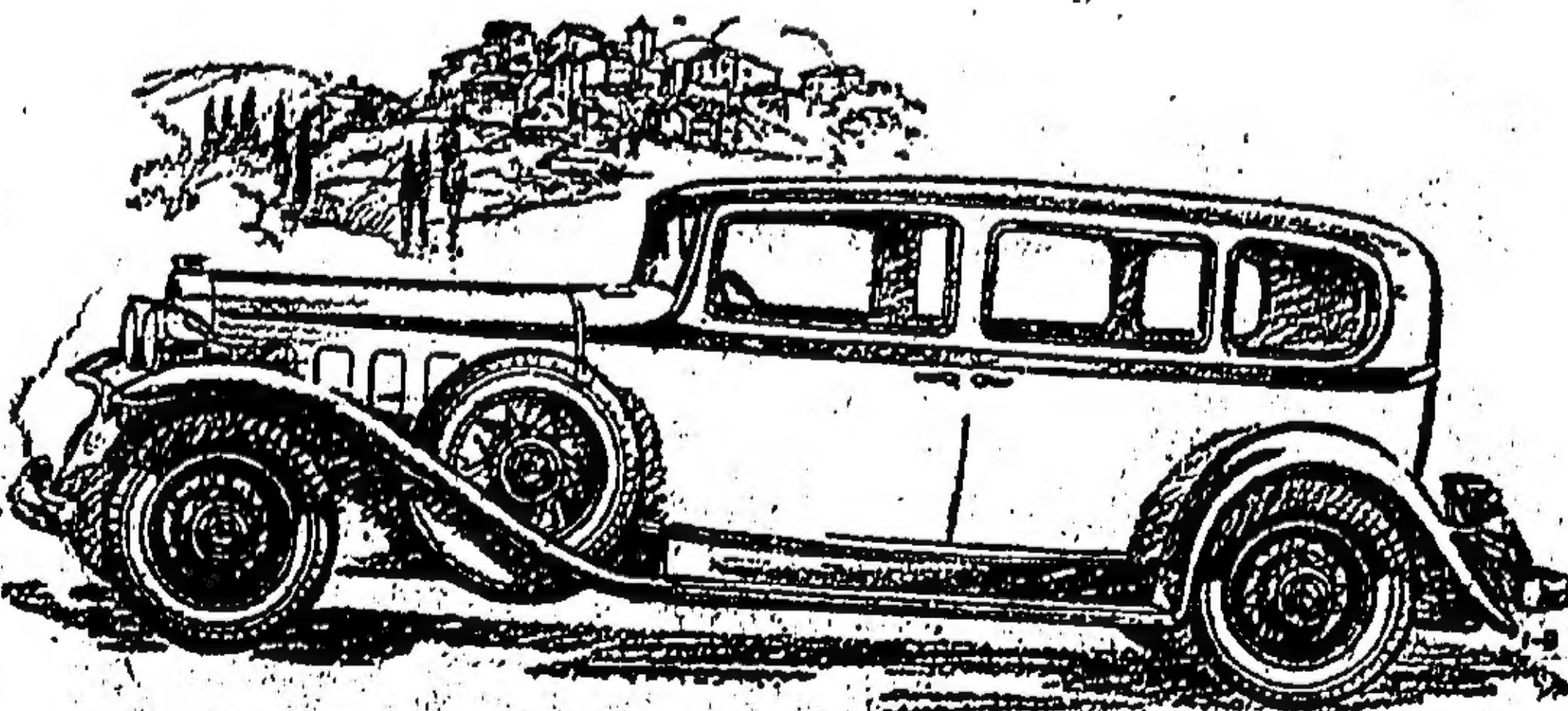
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GENERAL MA ASSASSINATED?

China's Fallen Hero.

Nanking, Yesterday. A report received by the Foreign Office from Harbin declares that General Ma Chan-shan, who sprung into world-wide prominence when he resisted the Japanese at the Nonni River and later at Tsing-tau, has been assassinated.

This report has not yet been confirmed from other sources.

From being a National hero, Ma Chan-shan recently fell low in public esteem, when he called on General Tamon, the diminutive Japanese Commander, who had defeated him and expressed his regret for having caused him "inconvenience." It is believed here that, if he has actually been assassinated, his assailant may have been some chauvinist who was disgusted with his action.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.

China Protests.

Nanking, To-day. The Foreign Office has lodged two protests with Mr. Shigemitsu, one with regard to the Independence Movement in Manchuria, and the other with regard to the Japanese aerial attack on the Souchow air-base on February 22.

The protest says that, if the Independence Move in Manchuria, which is being encouraged by Japan, materialises, then Japan will be held responsible.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

SMALL BLAZE IN WOOSUNG STREET.

Two three-storeyed houses, No. 67 and 69, Woosung Street, Yau-mati, were affected by a fire which broke out last night. When the fire appliances arrived, the flames had secured a good hold, and the conflagration threatened to assume dangerous proportions. The fire, however, was under control in a quarter of an hour, and no casualties were reported.

A "RECORD" HOAX.

Oxford Music Shops Filled With Unordered Goods.

Many gramophones and large numbers of records arrived recently at the warehouses of several Oxford music shops, as the result of a hoax for which two persons are believed to be responsible.

The suspected persons are said to have overheard in a shop a commercial traveller's request to see the manager of the business, and one of the two said that he was the manager.

After a short conversation the "manager" and his companion said that they must go to luncheon, and accepted the traveller's invitation.

At his hotel, after luncheon, the "manager" ordered a large selection of goods for several shops in the town.

WHEAT QUOTA BILL.

Guaranteed Price and Secure Market.

Rugby, Yesterday. Government's Wheat Quota Bill, published to-day, aims at providing a secure market and an enhanced price for home-grown wheat of millable quality without a subsidy from the Exchequer and without encouraging cultivation of wheat cultivation to unsuitable land.

The guaranteed price is to be forty-five shillings per quarter of 504 pounds.

A secure market is provided by imposing on millers a contingent obligation to purchase the stocks of home-grown millable wheat remaining unsold at the end of a cereal year.

The Bill sets up a wheat Commission for the general administration of the scheme and, particularly, to decide the quantity of home-grown wheat millers will require and the Flour Millers' Corporation to discharge any obligations imposed on millers respecting unsold wheat.—British Wireless Service.

FINE WEATHER COMING.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:

The anti-cyclone is now central to the North of the Upper Yangtze Valley.

Forecast: N. winds, strong; overcast at first, finer later.

Kunming.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.14 inch. Total since January 1—1.94 inches against an average of 2.90 inches—desjat .96 inch.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	47
Macao	48
Pratas Island	63
Manila	72
Foochow	52
Anzoy	52
Chefoo	25
Shanghai	29

FINANCIAL.

Government Estimates for Coming Year.

REDUCTION OF £7,000,000.

Rugby, Yesterday. The first of a series of Government estimates for the next financial year, upon which the Budget, is to be introduced in April, will be based, was issued to-day.

The document covers Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, including pensions, education, insurance, and other grants, and Exchequer contributions to local revenue. They show a reduction on last year's estimates from £409,014,780 to £402,028,105.

The actual reduction on Civil Estimates exceeds nine million pounds, but an increase in the estimated expenditure by the Revenue Departments gives the reduction as above. Principal reductions are on education £5,465,701, roads £4,250,000, and pensions ministry £2,795,200.—British Wireless Service.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Session on March 1.

Shanghai, (11.09 a.m.)

To-day. It is learned, from an authoritative source, that Members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, now staying in Shanghai, have decided to proceed to Loyang to attend the Second Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee on March 1.

This decision is generally accepted as an indication that whatever misgivings, a few of them might have entertained as regards the purpose of the plenary session, are now dispelled.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

ODD JOBS.

The Python Hunter from Borneo.

Dinner was in progress at a well-known hotel in Singapore, one sultry evening a short while ago, when a tall, sun-tanned man, in dress kit, approached a table at which another resident was dining. A flash of recognition passed between them; the man seated cried, "Hallo! What brings you here?"

The new arrival replied, "Oh, snakes, you know—snakes."

The occupants of tables near looked round curiously. But what the man said was true. He was a python hunter from the rivers of Borneo, with a shipment of skins for London, where they would be made into ladies' footwear.

That is just one of the uncommon methods of making a livelihood I have met travelling about the world.

To spend one's life attending to the wants of millions of sick silk worms is another singular occupation. There is in the Nilgiri Hills of India a man who does this in a small building on which the words "Sanatorium for Silkworms" are painted. To this man are sent from the raw silk centres ailing larvae.

A strange job, too, is that of Mosquito Jack who, carrying on his back a tank of strong disinfecting fluid to which is connected a hand syringe, searches the dark corners of the Bombay Docks for pools of stagnant water. On the pools he squirts the fluid that deals death to mosquitoes.

Meet the "catcher" to the zoo in Hamburg who boards vessels loaded with "quebracho" wood and waits during the discharge of the cargo to pounce upon any small animal or reptile that may have survived the long journey from the Argentine, hidden in the great hollow tree trunks.

A Russian is the custodian of a licensed opium smoking room at Dairen in the Yellow Sea. This man sees that the slaves of the pipe patronising his establishment are not robbed while under the influence. Another exile from the same country is now in Bangkok making a good living fashioning the grotesque masks used in the "devil dancing," much of his handwork goes to Thibet.—B.G.P. in Evening News.

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